



ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Schedule 5: Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect Program Requirements

Approved by AIBC Council [X Date, 2022]

1.0 Background and Authority

- 1.1 These registration requirements are authorized under AIBC Bylaw X. They set out the education, experience, and examination requirements to be eligible for registration as an Architect AIBC through the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) program.
- 1.2 The BEFA Program is a national initiative developed by Canadian architectural regulators and administered by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB).

2.0 Registration Requirements

Education

- 2.1 Completion of an architectural degree through a formal education.

Experience

- 2.2 At least seven years (7) years of post-licensure/registration experience in architecture within the last twelve (12) years in a foreign jurisdiction. If licensure/registration was not required to practice as an architect in the jurisdiction(s) of origin, the equivalents of licensure/registration in that/those jurisdiction(s) may be considered and subject to review and approval by the CACB.
- 2.3 At least six months of relevant Canadian architectural work experience, providing exposure to the practice and regulatory requirements of architecture in Canada, within three years before the date of the assessment interview noted in section 2.4.3. This experience must be gained under the personal supervision and direction of a registered architect in Canada.

Examination

- 2.4 Completion of an outcomes-based assessment against the Canadian Standard of Competency for Architects, consisting of the following components on the forms provided by the CACB:
 - 2.4.1 Project résumé, providing an overview of architectural career, highlighting major projects with direct involvement and linked to the required competency areas;
 - 2.4.2 Self-Assessment and supporting portfolio of architectural work experience;
 - 2.4.3 Panel Interview; and
 - 2.4.4 Remedial action if required by the Panel following the Interview.

3.0 Application

- 3.1 An individual must first satisfy the eligibility criteria to enroll in the CACB BEFA Program indicated in sections 2.1 and 2.2 of this Schedule and submit an application, including documentation, such as evidence of architect registration with a for-eign jurisdiction, to the CACB using its required application forms. Once enrolled in the BEFA Program, the candidate must complete the program requirements noted in sections 2.3 and 2.4.
- 3.2 An individual who has completed the BEFA Program will be eligible to apply for registration as an Architect AIBC, by submitting the following:
 - 3.2.1 BEFA certificate or documentation demonstrating completion of the BEFA program issued by the CACB.
 - 3.2.2 Submission of the required AIBC Application Form.